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1. Herewith is a reproduction of an informal memorandum of telephone call from [] to [] made 0930 on 19 October 1966 reporting results of an interview conducted the previous evening in response to a request [] that was passed to them in writing on 11 October 1966. This report was given to [] by [] on 19 October.

2. More complete reporting will be forwarded as received.

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2. The following report has now been received from []
[] in respect of an interview conducted
with subject on 18th October, 1966 :-

"It is now advised that VIKS was interviewed at his place of residence, 8 Kendall Street, Cabarita, Sydney on the night of 18th October, 1966. He proved to be co-operative and after the necessary introduction had been effected, he readily admitted that he had been the Chief of the Political Police in Tallinn, Estonia, during the 1941-1942 period. VIKS is now 69 years of age and had difficulty in remembering the minor details of his experiences of 1942, but stated that a man named Eerik HEINE or possibly HEINZE had been a member of the Political Police at that time. VIKS could not remember whether HEINE had been an Assistant Second Class or Assistant First Class, but stated that any person in those positions would not have been a communist.

When asked to comment concerning HEINE's claim that he, in September 1942, had volunteered for the Estonia Legion and was sent to Debica, Poland, VIKS stated that it was most unlikely that such a thing had happened and it would be more likely that HEINZE had been sent to Poland as a form of punishment for adverse political activity. He went on to say that as far as he could recall HEINE had been a member of a nationalistic group of Estonians in Tallinn who were working against Nazi Germany and on behalf of an official named SCHMIDT at the Estonian Embassy in London. This Organization consisted of 20-25 persons and it was believed that information gathered by this group and passed to SCHMIDT was eventually conveyed to the Soviet Union; however, this group was not a Soviet intelligence group and SCHMIDT was definitely not a communist.

According to VIKS, HEINE's participation in this group was discovered when certain luggage was searched and the plans of the group were uncovered. VIKS could not remember the name of any other member of the group but stated that HEINE was not one of the leaders.

In an endeavour to obtain more detailed information from VIKS, he was questioned as to whether any other member of his Political Police Force, at that time, would be in a position to remember HEINE's activities in more detail. VIKS replied that a man named Edward UTUSTE who was his First Lieutenant in 1942 and recorded statements taken under interrogation conditions, would probably remember this particular incident more clearly than VIKS. He does not know where UTUSTE is located, but thought he could be in Sweden or even Canada. He also referred to another man named MAERDI who was his Third Lieutenant in Tallinn and is now a draughtsman by occupation, living somewhere in Burwood, New South Wales. He said that MAERDI might also have some knowledge of HEINE and his activities in 1942. VIKS will as a matter of

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urgency, endeavour to locate MAERDI and, if necessary, arrange for him to be interviewed. He will also try to ascertain the present address of UTUSTE.

When the name Ain MERE was mentioned to VIKS he stated that that person had been the Chief of the Estonian Political Police but VIKS could not recall having told MERE that he had a file on HEINE, although this would have been normal practice. The suggestion put forward by MERE that HEINE had worked for both the Germans and the Soviets did not impress VIKS as being accurate. He was more inclined to think that HEINE was anti-Fascist and a strong Estonian nationalist. However, it is quite possible that he could have been working for other foreign powers but this had not been discovered by VIKS. The latter person stated that if it had been found that HEINE was working for the Soviet Union in Tallinn in 1942, HEINE would have been immediately executed as had other persons in that particular category.

VIKS is employed at the present time as a yard-man with ERMA CONSTRUCTIONS PTY. LTD., at that company's establishment at 54 Fairford Road, Padstow. The principals of the Erma Constructions Pty. Ltd. - one of whom is named LEHTSALU - are married to VIKS two daughters. He stated that he had been a member of the Estonian Political Police for thirty years and had been engaged in combating Soviet subversion and espionage in that country since 1918."

3. We have requested [] to obtain from VIKS any further details which may be of assistance in identifying or locating UTUSTE.

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